

# Timberbank JPS School Council

## Minutes from February 3, 2014 Meeting



In attendance: Anna Epitropou (Principal), Nick Carasis (Co-Chair), Lisa Ferguson (Co-Chair and Caring & Safe Schools Rep), Mike Petkovski (Treasurer), Tilley Creary (Secretary) Lynn Greenwood, Gerald Jones, Mary Mavraidis Jones, Jeya Balamanokaran, and Marilyn Trenbeth (Community Representative).

Regrets:

Item	Discussion	Action / Responsibility
<b>Agenda items</b>		
Approval of minutes	Minutes from January meeting Approved.	➤ Gerald, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nick
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The winter concert raffle brought in a lower total than in previous years. This year \$562.</li> <li>➤ School Council = \$4352.80</li> </ul>	
Principal's Report	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Principal's Report</u></b> <b><u>Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Water Damage News – Great news to say that everything us back in its place; Ms Oommen has ordered the new books and we are pleased to have the use of our library back.</li> <li>2. Movie Night - \$460 – great turnout and thanks to Mike and his contribution of the popcorn and juice boxes – and thanks to Jeya, Lynn, Margo, Mary and Tilley for being there to help out.</li> <li>3. Term 1 report cards to be coming home on February 11<sup>th</sup>; JK students will get the JK summary in February; Interviews only set up with those parents who were not seen during the Progress Report; students that teachers request an interview; and if parents request an interview</li> <li>4. Fundraising: “Move-a-thon” on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014– sponsor sheets went</li> </ol>	

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	<p>home on Friday; Grand Prize – iPad for student with the most money collected; other prizes available – each student will get a draw ticket for every \$10 raised</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Agility Challenge – Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – K to grade 6; \$850 + HST; great day all enjoyed our indoor play day and now looking forward to our June outdoor playday;</li> <li>6. Lunar New Year Celebration / ON TRACK (Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>) – great assembly; and it was wonderful to see many of our parents</li> <li>7. ECO news – Winter Walk Day – nationwide – We will be participating and have registered on-line</li> <li>8. Athletics – girls volleyball team – season came to an end; league style play this year; won 2 and loss 2; great work done by all; next we will be hosting a co-ed volleyball team</li> <li>9. Olympic Activity Day @ the Jean Augustine Girls’ Leadership Academy – Ms Mourad; Ms Boulos; Mr. Rands; Ms Corrieri and Ms Persaud’s classes to attend – parents welcome to attend</li> <li>10. Open House at the Jean Augustine Girls’ Leadership Academy – February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm</li> <li>11. Jan/Feb Newsletter to go home Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup></li> <li>12. Call has been made to Facilities to investigate the process for a new playground</li> <li>13. Donations of games and books we can take at the school – thanks to Gerry and Mary for donating several games and books for our indoor lunch activity time</li> <li>14. Special Visitors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Sotiropoulos on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> during the day;</li> <li>• MPP Soo Wong on Friday February 21<sup>st</sup>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>15. Coming Up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – 100 dayNight</li> <li>• Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – evening interviews</li> <li>• Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Day – Pink and Red Day</li> <li>• Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – Family Day (no school)</li> <li>• Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Registration – all day</li> <li>• Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Ambassadors / Band Members going to see the musical “Shrek” @ Unionville Flato Theatre</li> <li>• Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – “Move-a-thon”: 9:45 – 10:30 – kinders; 10:30-11:30 – primary;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
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	<p>1:00 – 2:30pm – juniors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – Vision/Hearing Screening all day –</li> <li>• Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – grade 1 and 2s go to Legoland</li> <li>• March 5<sup>th</sup> – In-school Speech Arts Competition</li> <li>• March 6<sup>th</sup> – Lice Check</li> <li>• March 7<sup>th</sup> – PA Day – No School</li> </ul>	
<i>New Business</i>	<p><b>1. <u>Principal's Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bottom level of damaged shelves now have legs so that should the library flood again, the books on the bottom shelves won't suffer damage.</li> <li>• The school can accept book donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Submit them to Anna who will review them</li> <li>▪ If accepted they are sent to TDSB Library Services who will catalogue them</li> <li>▪ They are then sent back to the school to be added to the library</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lisa is available to offer peer support for Parents who attend Kindergarten Registration school info walk-throughs.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. <u>New Fund Raising Ideas</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can outside groups rent the gym? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes, permits are available through TDSB for usage after 6pm</li> <li>▪ Insurance is required</li> <li>▪ Usage must be for youth targeted events</li> <li>▪ Fee for use is by the hour</li> <li>▪ Participants must be registered in advance</li> <li>▪ Permit approval process takes approx. 2 months</li> <li>▪ Funds raised can only be used for expenses and fees, not allowed to make a profit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Is it possible for experienced parents to run a student clinic to save money instead of hiring an outside company? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes, proposals should be sent to Anna before June so that she can plan for the next school year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Gerry and Mary will put a plan together for Anna.</p>

**3. Review Prize Donation Experience – Lessons Learned**

- Gerry
  - Canadian Tire has a limited budget
  - Have usually used up their entire budget by September
  - Groups looking for donations can inquire at multiple stores since they each manage their own budget
- Lynn
  - Shoppers Drug Mart – Not at the store’s discretion, requests must be made through the Head Office
  - WalMart – On a cycle that sends requests to the Head Office every three weeks
  - BestBuy has a Head Office led process
  - National Sports has their own hockey charity that they donate to, they do not donate to outside organizations.
  - All stores asked for a letter from the school
- Anna
  - Other schools start asking for donations starting in September
  - They have had great success getting Gift Cards for food places.
- Mike
  - Metro/Food Basics – With a letter the store has discretion to give out Gift Cards
- Tilley
  - Netflix – happy to donate 6-month free memberships in exchange for a blog review of their child-themed shows.

**4. Approval of Content for Newsletter**

- Next movie night is Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Volunteers are needed at the school by 3:15 in order to assist with organizing children at school dismissal
- Add a section to the newsletter letting the parent community know what the next opportunity to volunteer is.
- Remove mention of the fundraising vote results.

**5. Ward Council Meeting**

- Next meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup>, parents are welcome to attend.

	<p>Let Lisa know if you'd like to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location: Terraview-Willowfield Public School at Pharmacy and Ellesmere.</li> </ul> <p><b>6. <u>Treasurer's Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$4812 is a very healthy balance for parent council</li> <li>School PA system and new motorized screen are the school's biggest need.</li> </ul> <p><b>7. <u>Spring Fair</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We can offer companies logo visibility in exchange for donations to pay for fun fair equipment.</li> <li>Donations over \$25 are eligible for a tax receipt</li> <li><i>Fun Fair Date: June 14, 2014 11am to 3pm</i></li> <li>All permits have been obtained</li> <li><i>Main Event</i> is the company we will likely go with.</li> <li>Lesson learned from previous years – need to clarify pricing / ticket selling vs. cash strategy with all vendors and tables so that it is clear who is selling/accepting tickets / cash for what.</li> <li>Most of the same vendors from last year are being sought/approved for this year's fair</li> <li>New attractions being considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. John's Ambulance (for on-site 1<sup>st</sup> aid)</li> <li>Police car and/or Fire truck</li> <li>Pony rides</li> <li>Reptilia</li> <li>Maple Leaf or Raptors mascots</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>8. <u>Round Table</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can move-a-thon families with more than one child combine forms? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, but for the purposes of determining which student has raised the most money, combined donations will be split evenly between each student.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>9. <u>Meeting adjourned</u></b></p>	<p>Anna will research costs for a new screen</p> <p>Mike will source one more event company for comparison</p> <p>Mike will invite the owner of <i>Main Event</i> to the next council meeting so that members can ask questions and get a full picture of the services offered/available.</p>

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Adjournment

Next meeting to be on Monday March 3, 2014, 2013 at 6:30pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Monday March 3, 2014**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Timberbank Junior Public School**